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SUBJ: MEDIA COMMENT - SECRETARY'S BILATERAL VISIT TO NORWAY

LABOR PARTY DAILY ARBEIDERBLADET CARRIED THE FOLLOWING  
MAY 14 ON THE SECRETARY'S BILATERAL VISIT TO NORWAY:

THE PROGRAM FOR KISSINGER'S VISIT TO NORWAY HAS STILL  
NOT BEEN CONFIRMED, BUT ARBEIDERBLADET HAS REASON TO  
BELIEVE THE TALKS (BETWEEN KISSINGER AND FRYDEN-  
LUND) WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY. INFORMED SOURCES  
EXPECT THE TALKS TO CENTER AROUND THE SITUATION IN  
THE NORTHERN AREAS, ESPECIALLY THE AMERICAN REPORT  
ON THE SVALBARD SHELF AND THE NORWEGIAN POSITION THAT  
THE SHELF OUTSIDE THE AREAS DEFINED IN THE SVALBARD  
TREATY IS TOTALLY UNDER NORWEGIAN SOVEREIGNTY, WITHOUT  
THE LIMITATIONS IMPOSED ON NORWAY BY THE TREATY IN  
RELATION TO ITS EXERCISE OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE ISLANDS  
AND THE WATERS AROUND SVALBARD.

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PREVIOUS REPORTS INDICATING THAT THE US HAS ACCEPTED THE NORWEGIAN VIEW HAVE BEEN CALLED PREMATURE BY INFORMED SOURCES. THE US DOES NOT REJECT THE NORWEGIAN POSTURE, BUT WILL PROBABLY MAKE A DIRECT ACCEPTANCE OF THE NORWEGIAN VIEW CONTINGENT UPON NORWEGIAN POLICY IN THE AREA. THE AMERICAN SIDE HAS MADE NO SECRET OF A CERTAIN INTEREST IN THE ECONOMIC POSSIBILITIES OF OIL ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF IN THE FAR NORTH. BUT NORWAY WOULD BE VERY HESITANT TO OPEN THIS AREA TO AN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND OIL-POLITICAL RACE, BOTH BECAUSE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS, AND BECAUSE NORWAY PREFERS TO RUN TIGHT REIN ON THE SECURITY-POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE NORTHERN AREAS.

THE AMERICAN LINE WILL, THEREFORE, PROBABLY BE THAT THE US CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN ITS RESERVATION ABOUT THE NORWEGIAN SHELF POSTURE BUT WITHOUT REJECTING IT OUTRIGHT. THE US WILL AWAIT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS BEFORE COMMITTING ITSELF IN AN OFFICIAL DECLARATION. THE STUDY WHICH KISSINGER WILL BRING WITH HIM HAS BEEN WORKED OUT BY THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT TOPIC IN THE TALKS BETWEEN KISSINGER AND FYDENLUND MAY BE THE SITUATION IN THE IBERIAN PENINSULA. THE US HAS BECOME INTERESTED IN NORWAY'S ATTITUDE TOWARD PORTUGAL AFTER THE FALL OF THE FASCIST GOVERNMENT AND THE SUPPORT GIVEN BY NORWAY TO PORTUGUESE DEMOCRATIC FORCES. EVEN IF THE SITUATION IN SPAIN IS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT, WITH FRANCO'S APPOINTED HEIR STILL THE COUNTRY'S LEADER, DEVELOPMENTS THERE MAY ALSO GRADUALLY FOLLOW THE PORTUGUESE PATTERN.

SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER IS EXPECTED TO GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE, PROBABLY TOGETHER WITH FRYDENLUND, ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FROM NORWAY. ANDERS

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